REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9, 11-15, 57 and 58 are active in this application.

Applicants thank the Office for indicating that Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 57 and 58 have been allowed. Based on the corrections to Claim 13 and Claim 14, as well as Claim 15 which depends from Claim 9, it is believed that these claims will be included in the allowed claim set.

The rejections of Claims 7 and 59-80 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph ("written description" and "enablement") is obviated by the cancellation of the claims.

As noted above, the objections have been addressed by amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the present application be passed to issuance.

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